## 32. Commercial and Intelligence Department.

*The followng resolution was not moved and hence considered withdrawn.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—" This Council recommends to the Government to open a Commercial and Intelligence Department in the State under an officer who has had sufficient foreign experience in that line, for the purpose of organising the trade in the country with agents appointed in important foreign markets with which Cochin has dealings. This Department ought to have the control of local markets and the authority to standardise the diverse weights and measures".

## 33. Representation of the various Communities in the State Service.

*As the following resolution was not moved, it was considered withdrawn.*

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—" This Council recommends to the Government that, with a view to making the State service as representative of the various communities of the people as possible in proportion to their numerical strength, the Government may be pleased to issue orders that in making appointments preference may be given to persons with sufficient qualifications and belonging to communities which are not adequately represented in the service, and that in furtherance of this object, quarterly statements of fresh appointments in the State service may be ordered to be published in the Gazette".

## 34. Admission of Depressed Classes to all Schools of the State.

*The following resolution was also not moved and hence that was considered withdrawn.*

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—" This Council recommends that admission be thrown open to the Depressed Classes to all schools of the State, Sirkar, Aided or Recognised and that separate schools for them be abolished".

## 35. Masonry Works in Public Bathing Tanks.

**Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.**—Before I move this resolution I wish to get from the Member for Panchayats some information. There are two tanks in Irinjalakkuda (ഒന്നാലക്കുഴം) Nourikulam and the tank near the Police Station. There is no masonry wall on the southern side of ഒന്നാലക്കുഴം, a tank set apart for the Christians of the locality. During the rainy season all the dirt and dry leaves, are washed into this tank from the southern paramba. Similarly all the storm water from the south finds its way into the tank near the police station. This results in the silting up of the tanks. This I want to bring to the notice of the Government. I want to know what the Hon'ble Member has to say.

**Deputy President.**—You have not moved the resolution. I cannot call upon him to answer.

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**Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.**—"This Council recommends to the Government to put up such masonry works as will prevent the flow of storm water into public bathing tanks as also the washing into them of dirt and dry leaves during the rainy season."

That is all that I have to say and I move the resolution.

**Deputy President.**—No seconder. The resolution goes.

*The resolution was lost for want of a seconder.*

## 36. Typists and Typewriters in the State.

*As the mover was absent, the following resolution was considered withdrawn.*

Mr. K. J. Antony.—" For the better upkeep of the costly typewriters, the services of better qualified typists are essential, this Council do recommend to the Government that in future only men of Intermediate or Higher Grade qualifications should be appointed as typists in the State carrying a pay of Rs. 40 and above, if such men are available.

## 37. Power to scrutinise the Budget, etc.

**Deputy President.**—Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—'This Council recommends to the Government that the non-official Members of the Standing Finance Committee be invested with the powers of scrutinising the detailed expenditure of votable funds in the budget or to appoint a new Public Accounts Committee composed of a majority of non-official Members of this House for scrutiny of the expenditure of the budgetted accounts.'

There was an identical resolution moved in this Council in the Legislative Session of 1104. Most of the arguments in support of the resolution has now been already placed before this House, when moving the resolution for the appointment of Standing Committees to be associated with the administration of the major spending departments of the Government. This is only the final aspect of that proposition. Once the expenditure has been sanctioned in the budget, this Council must be given the right to inspect and see whether the expenditure was properly iucurred and whether there was any deviation or transfer without the knowledge of the Council. Should not the Council know how the money has been spent? It is to carry out that object that this resolution is tabled. Last time the main objection of the Government seems to have been that, though there were Public Accounts Committees in the Provincial Councils of British India and the Imperial Legislative Assembly, there were no such committees in the various Indian States and the Government was waiting to see the sister States advance in this matter. The Government ignored the existence of such committees in Mysore. Of course they also point out our Council Regulation does not contemplate the appointment of such committees. For that matter, so far as the Finance Committee is concerned there is no provision in the Regulation. Still a Finance Committee is appointed. Government has got power and they can

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